

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

651st Meeting

March 2, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arado, Bateni, Binderup, Bond, Camic, Gallaher, Gavieta, Groves, Herrmann, Holthuijzen, Jackson, Kortegast, LaFrance, Mantzke, Osorio, Reyman, Vahabzadeh, Xia

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barnes, Furr, Hanley, Henningsen, Johnson, Kelly, Ryzhov, Smith, Werstler, Zheng

OTHERS PRESENT: Tamara Boston (Academic Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Office), Barshinger (Administrative Assistant)

Kortegast, assistant chair of the Graduate Council called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Bateni moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 meeting. LaFrance seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Committee: The committee met on February 18 to review 23 applications from 13 different departments. The committee offered six full-time and four part-time fellowships. The Full-time awards were made to doctoral students in Biology, Chemistry, English, Geology, Physics and Psychology. Part-time awards were made to: Adult Education, History and Leadership and Educational Policy (2).

Graduate Council Curriculum Committee: Mantzke reported on behalf of the Committee. The GCCC met electronically in February. There were catalog changes to consider from the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, the College of Health and Human Sciences, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. These catalog changes were for two new courses and a number of course revisions. In the attached report you can see the courses in detail on what was revised. LaFrance moved to approve the minutes and catalog changes. Groves seconded. The minutes and catalog changes were approved unanimously.

Graduate Council Standards Committee: The Graduate Council Standards Committee met electronically. Political Science requested to remove the GRE requirement from their M.A. and Ph.D. application process. The item was approved by the committee. Mantzke moved to approve the report. LaFrance seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Tamara Boston from the Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Office gave a PowerPoint presentation on Equity Definitions. A discussion was ensued. Ms. Boston thanked the Council for its feedback. She will share the PowerPoint presentation and also a link to participate in a Qualtrics evaluation.
2. Stephen Binderup reported on behalf of a small group of graduate assistants. They are concerned about not being paid on time. They have worked two months and have not received their first paycheck. Discussion ensued. It seems the incidence is isolated to certain colleges, HRS being understaffed and a turnover in office staff. Dean Bond will gather data and report back to the Council.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Announcements

No announcements

Adjournment

LaFrance moved to adjourn the meeting. Mantzke seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.